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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th April 1875.

Bullion Depot.

No. 283. Read the following letter from J. A. BOURDILLON, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 17th April 1875, No. 216:—

With reference to correspondence ending with letter from this Department, No. 2807, dated 15th August 1871, I am directed to forward copy of a communication from the Comptroller-General, No. 1505, dated 18th March 1875, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to report, as soon as possible, whether, under the circumstances therein stated, the Bullion Depôt at Madras may not be abolished with advantage.

From E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Comptroller-General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Calcutta, 18th March 1875, No. 1505.

The Inspector of local Offices of Account in his late Audit Report on the Madras Currency Office referred to the continued existence of a Bullion Depôt at that place, and I have now the honor to draw the attention of Government to the subject, as it appears to be very doubtful whether there are sufficient reasons for the continuance of this Agency.

2. The stock of Bullion in hand in the autumn of 1872 was shipped to Calcutta, and its weight by the Calcutta Mint scales was nine tolas less than invoice, while the difference in Assay on the whole parcel received was Rupees 76-2-6, there was also a loss on the remelting in the Calcutta Office of Rupees 95-5-0, the invoiced value was Rupees 1,14,017-9-8, the Assay produce Rupees 1,13,840-3-2.

3. Of the transactions since that time Mr. Taylor gives a detail up to the end of January last, a period of 2¼ years. Bullion to a value of less than Rupees 30,000 has been lodged by nine persons, but on two occasions only in bars of coin, so that the transactions in the ordinary course of trade have been less than Rupees 20,000, the trade of the port could not suffer by withdrawal of the convenience offered by the Bullion Department if it be taken advantage of so rarely and to so small an extent.

4. On the other hand the cost to Government is not insignificant. The Government loses the power of rejecting brittle metal or charging for refining, loses by remelting and by possible errors such as those detailed above, and lastly, by a charge for establishment and contingencies stated by Dr. King (in his application for an allowance as Assay Master) as averaging Rupees 275 per month in the last two years.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1875, No. 956.

Referred to the Accountant-General for report, in communication with the Chamber of Commerce.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
,, Chamber of Commerce.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No 1505

Comptr Generals Office
Calcutta the 18th March 1875

From

The Comptroller General

To

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FINANCIAL.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

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Dated April 29th.

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I have &c
(Sd) E. J. Harrison
Compt. General

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The Chief Secretary to the
Govt. of Madras -

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Simla
The 17th April 1875

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

(Sd) A. Bourdillon

Offg Secy to the Govt of
India

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of Ivory Coast
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